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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREAN CORE GROUP CONSULTATIONS
AND ACTIONS

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1. FOLLOWING ON CORE GROUP MEETING (REFTEL) CANADIAN HICOM HARRINGTON MET WITH FONMIN THOMPSON ON AUGUST 4 TO DELIVER AIDE-MEMOIRE AGREED TO BY CORE GROUP AND TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION. DURING MEETING HE GAVE EMPHASIS TO IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO AVOIDANCE REPETITION PAST STERILE DEBATES AT UNGA, RESUMPTION NORTH-SOUTH TALKS, AND TO CONVENING OF CONFERENCE OF FOUR PRIMARILY INTERESTED PARTIES AS PROPOSED BY SECSTATE.

2. HICOM HARRINGTON REPORTED ON HIS MEETING IN WRITING TO CORE GROUP AS FOLLOWS:

"WHILE SENATOR THOMPSON, I BELIEVE, SEES THE MERITS OF DR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL, HIS ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE SITUATION HAS REACHED AN IMPASSE BY INTRANSIGENCE ON EITHER SIDE AND THEREFORE NO MOVEMENT APPEARS POSSIBLE. I COULD
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NOT ACCEPT THIS ARGUMENT AND POINTED OUT THAT

DR. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL WAS A FLEXIBLE ONE WHICH OFFERED PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT. INTRANSIGENCE, RATHER, LAY IN THE TOTAL REFUSAL BY THE DPRK TO HAVE ANY DEALINGS WITH THE ROK. I SUGGESTED TO SENATOR THOMPSON THAT IT WAS PERHAPS TIME FOR THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO CONSIDER GIVING LESS AUTOMATIC SUPPORT TO ANY POSITION PUT FORWARD BY THE DPRK. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT IF THE NORTH KOREANS BECAME AWARE THAT AN INTRANSIGENT POSITION ON THEIR PART WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE THIRD WORLD THEY MIGHT WELL BE INDUCED TO BE LESS EXTREME. CERTAINLY THAT WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO MODERATE THEIR POSITION AS LONG AS THAT POSITION WAS UNCRITICALLY ACCEPTED BY THE REMAINDER OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

I BELIEVE SENATOR THOMPSON ACCEPTED, AT LEAST PERSONALLY, THE RELEVANCE OF THESE COMMENTS. I AM NOT, HOWEVER, SANGUINE THAT, WITHOUT LEADERSHIP FROM

SOME OTHER QUARTER IN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, JAMAICA WILL TAKE ANY POSITION ON THIS MATTER OTHER THAN GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE MAJORITY VIEW."
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